

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for preventing crystallization of pesticidal compositions during application, comprising adding a lactate ester as a crystallization prevention agent to the composition.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the lactic acid ester is selected from ~~among a~~ the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> saturated and unsaturated alkyl, C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> saturated and unsaturated cycloalkyl and C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> saturated and unsaturated branched alkyl lactates and mixtures thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2 wherein the lactate ester is selected from ~~among a~~ the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of 2-ethyl hexyl lactate, cyclohexyl lactate, 2-methylcyclohexyl lactate, heptyl lactate, octyl lactate and mixtures thereof.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the lactate ester is added to a pesticidal composition so that the lactate ester is 3% to 80% of the total composition.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein the lactate ester is added to a pesticidal composition so that the lactate ester is 20% to 60% of the total composition.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein a lactate ester is added to a pesticidal composition so that the weight ratio between the pesticide and the lactate ester is from 1:0.1 to 1:5.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 6 wherein a lactate ester is added to a pesticidal composition so that the weight ratio between the pesticide and the lactate ester is from 1:1 to 1:4.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to any ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein a rosin derivative is further added.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8 wherein the rosin derivative is selected from ~~among a~~ the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of rosin gum, rosin esters, modified rosins, hydrogenated rosin esters, polymerized rosin esters and phenolic modified rosin esters or mixtures thereof.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 8 wherein the Rosin derivative is added so that the Rosin derivative is 0.5% to 20% of the total pesticidal composition.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10 wherein the Rosin derivative is added so that the Rosin derivative is 1% to 10% of the total pesticidal composition.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8 wherein the Rosin derivative ~~may be~~is added so that the weight ratio between the Rosin derivative and the pesticide is from 1:0.05 to 1:1.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12 wherein the Rosin derivative ~~may be~~is added so that the weight ratio between the Rosin derivative and the pesticide is from 1:0.1 to 1:0.5.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any~~  
~~one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 1, wherein the pesticidal compositions contains as an active ingredient a pesticide selected from ~~among~~a ~~the~~ group ~~comprising~~consisting of epoxiconazole, tebuconazole, cyproconazole, prochloraz, penconazole, defenoconazole, flusilazole, metconazole, triadimenol, hexaconazole, flutriafol, triflumizole, fenbuconazole, bromuconazole, fluquinconazole, azaconazole,

triticonazole, triadimefon and imibenconazole; strobilurin analogues, maneb, mancozeb, ziram, thiram and mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A liquid pesticidal composition comprising one or more ~~pesticide~~-pesticides as an active ingredient and a lactate ester as a crystal growth inhibitor.

16. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 15 wherein the lactate ester is selected from ~~among a~~ the group ~~comprising~~-consisting of 2-ethyl hexyl lactate, cyclohexyl lactate, 2-methylcyclohexyl lactate, heptyl lactate, octyl lactate and mixtures thereof.

17. (Original) A composition according to claim 15 further comprising a Rosin derivative.

18. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 17 wherein the Rosin derivative is selected from ~~among a~~ the group ~~comprising~~-consisting of rosin gum, rosin esters, modified rosins, hydrogenated rosin esters, polymerized rosin esters and phenolic modified rosin esters or mixtures thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of claims 15 and 17~~ claim 15, wherein the pesticide is selected from ~~among a~~ the group ~~comprising~~-consisting of

epoxiconazole, tebuconazole, cyproconazole, prochloraz, penconazole, defenoconazole, flusilazole, metconazole, triadimenol, hexaconazole, flutriafol, triflumizole, fenbuconazole, bromuconazole, fluquinconazole, azaconazole, triticonazole, triadimefon and imibenconazole; strobilurin analogues, maneb, mancozeb, ziram, thiram and mixtures thereof.

20. (Original) A composition according to claim 15 comprising 3% to 80% lactate ester.

21. (Original) A composition according to claim 20 comprising 1% to 10% Rosin derivative.

22. (Original) A composition according to claim 15 wherein the weight ratio between the pesticide and the lactate ester is from 1:0.1 to 1:5.

23. (Original) A composition according to claim 17 wherein the weight ratio between the pesticide and the Rosin derivative is from 1:0.05 to 1:1

24. (Original) A composition according to claim 17 comprising 1% to 10% Rosin derivative.

25. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 17 comprising 20% to 60% of a lactate ester selected from among a the group comprising consisting of 2-ethyl hexyl

lactate, cyclohexyl lactate, 2-methylcyclohexyl lactate, heptyl lactate, octyl lactate and mixtures thereof, and 1% to 10 % of rosin gum.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)